

REMARKS

The present Amendment adds an Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate sheet, modifies the claim format, and eliminates the use of multiple dependency.

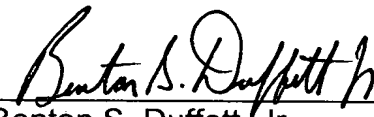
The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

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